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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2007, and is accompanied by a Petition to obtain a 2-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 29, 2007 to January 29, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks**, including arguments, begin on page 5 of this paper.